Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota researchers and students had the knowledge and innovations needed to compete for national research funding, but lacked the necessary research infrastructure until the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) efforts successfully created the opportunity for researchers to thrive in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach served as chair of the Research Excellence: A Critical Hallmark (REACH) Committee, the state's advisory committee for South Dakota EPSCoR, since its incorporation in 1986 until May 2006; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has gone from no funded EPSCoR programs prior to 1989 to having $44 million in active EPSCoR or EPSCoR-like awards in 2006 from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, NASA, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Energy; and,

Whereas, Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach, as chair of the REACH Committee, entrepreneur and CEO, state legislator, member of the Board of Regents and involved citizen helped to develop and make the 2010 Initiative a success; and,

Whereas, Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach has been involved in the EPSCoR program at the national level helping to develop the "Vision 2020" for the National Science Foundation EPSCoR and increasing federal funding for EPSCoR; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota EPSCoR program will continue to develop the state's educational system and research infrastructure providing more academic and career opportunities for young South Dakotans to live, work, and raise a family in this great state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2006, as

DR. AELRED KURTENBACH DAY

in South Dakota, and I call upon citizens to observe this day and celebrate the achievements Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach and the South Dakota EPSCoR program have accomplished under his leadership to enable South Dakota researchers, students, universities, and research and development-based businesses to succeed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State